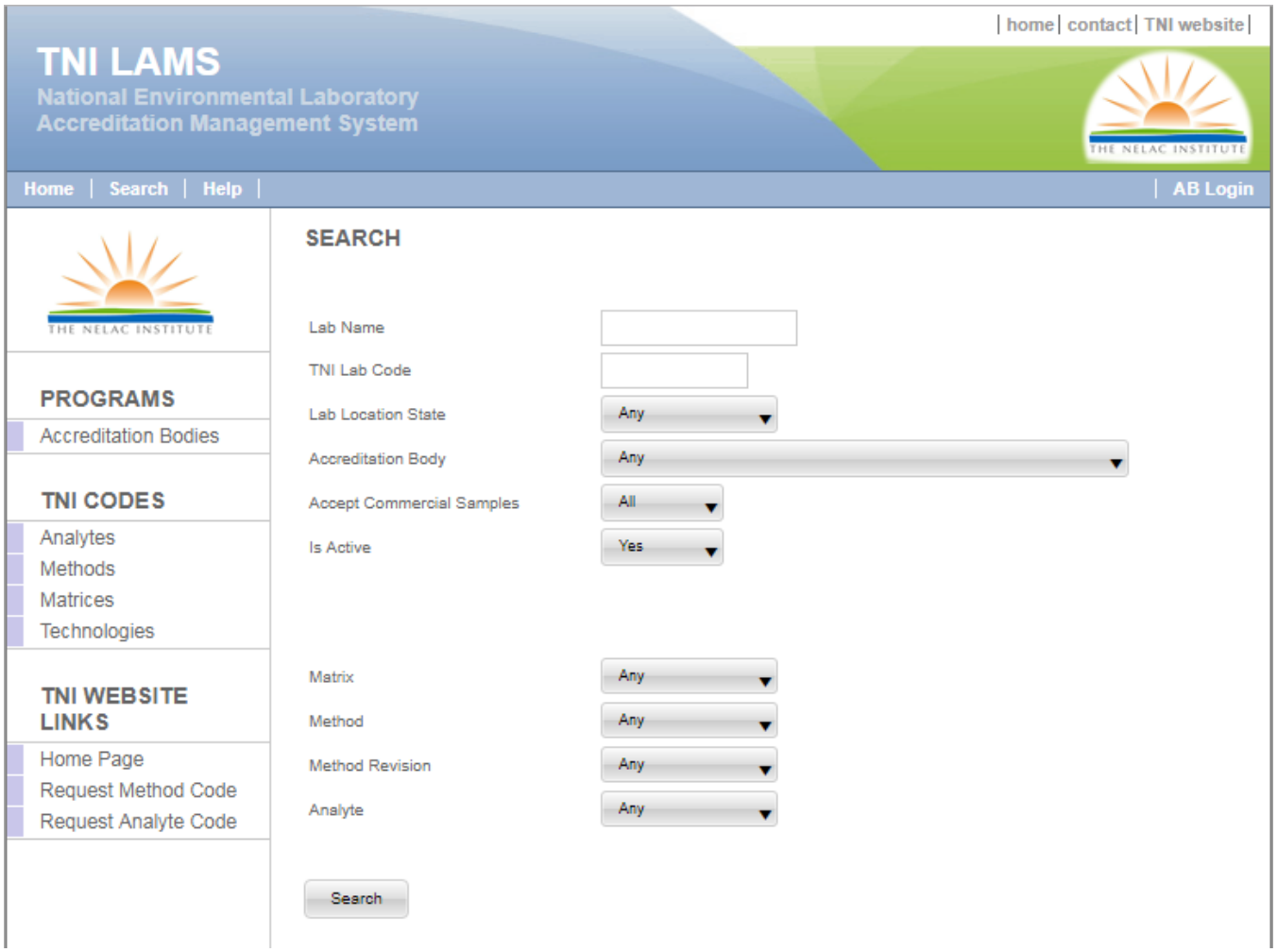
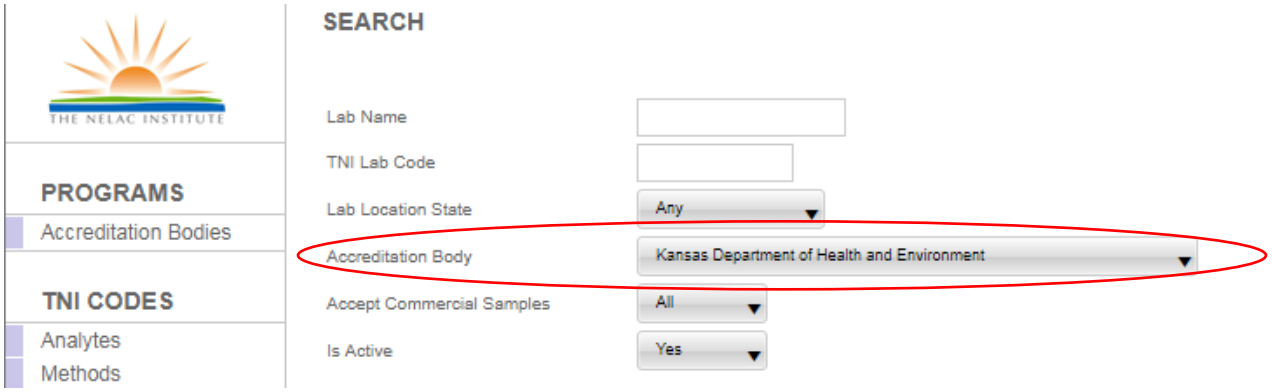
Laboratory Accreditation Management System (LAMS) instruction manual to search for Kansas certified laboratories

This manual is provided as a tool to assist residents and companies within the State of Kansas to find laboratories that are certified by the State to perform environmental tests. This manual is meant as a basic instruction guide and does not include instructions for how to use all of LAMS. This manual will only include instructions on how to search LAMS for Kansas certified laboratories.

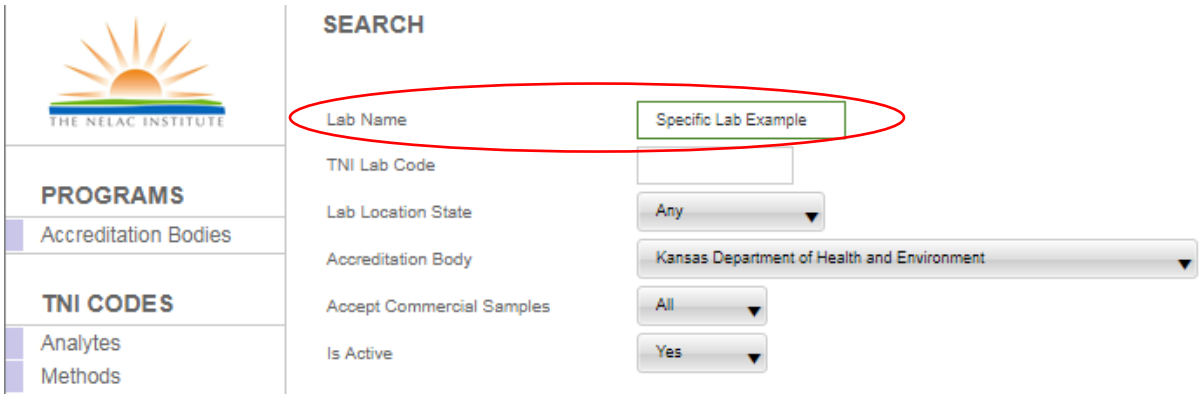
To start type lams.nelac-institute.org/search into your web browser or follow the link on the KDHE website. The following page will appear:



Before proceeding, you must select “Kansas Department of Health and Environment” from the “Accreditation Body” drop down box as shown below. When this search screen is first displayed this box will say “All”. If you do not select “Kansas Department of Health and Environment”, then when you perform a search you will see a list of laboratories in which some of them are NOT certified with State of Kansas.

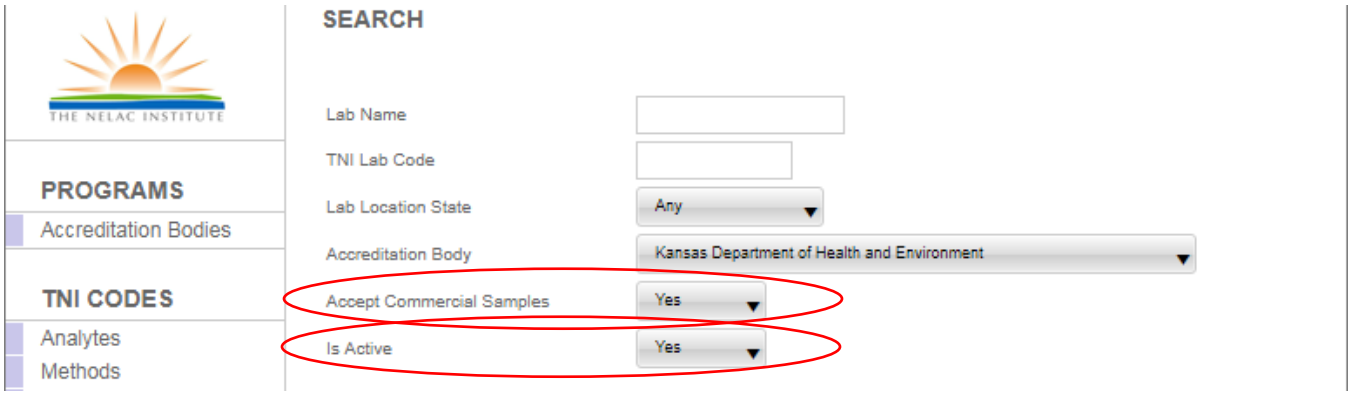


On this page you can search for information about a specific lab by typing in their name in the “Lab Name” box.

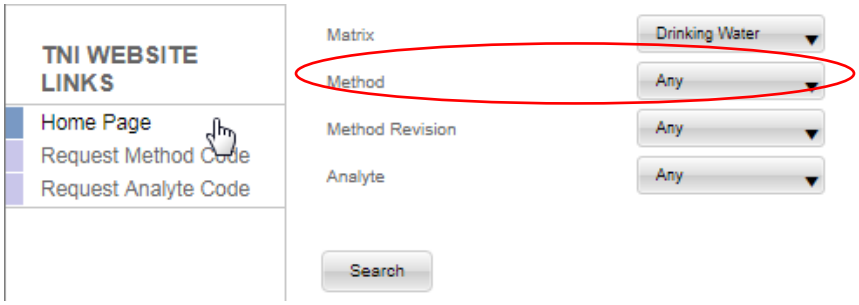


If you are looking for a certified laboratory to test a sample for you, then make sure the "Accept Commercial Samples" box reads "Yes". If this box reads yes, then a list of laboratories that will potentially take your sample will be displayed.

Next make sure that the "Is Active" box reads "Yes" to be sure that the list contains only labs that are currently certified. If this box does not read "Yes", then the list of laboratories presented will include all labs that have ever been certified by Kansas but may be no longer certified to perform work for compliance samples in the State.

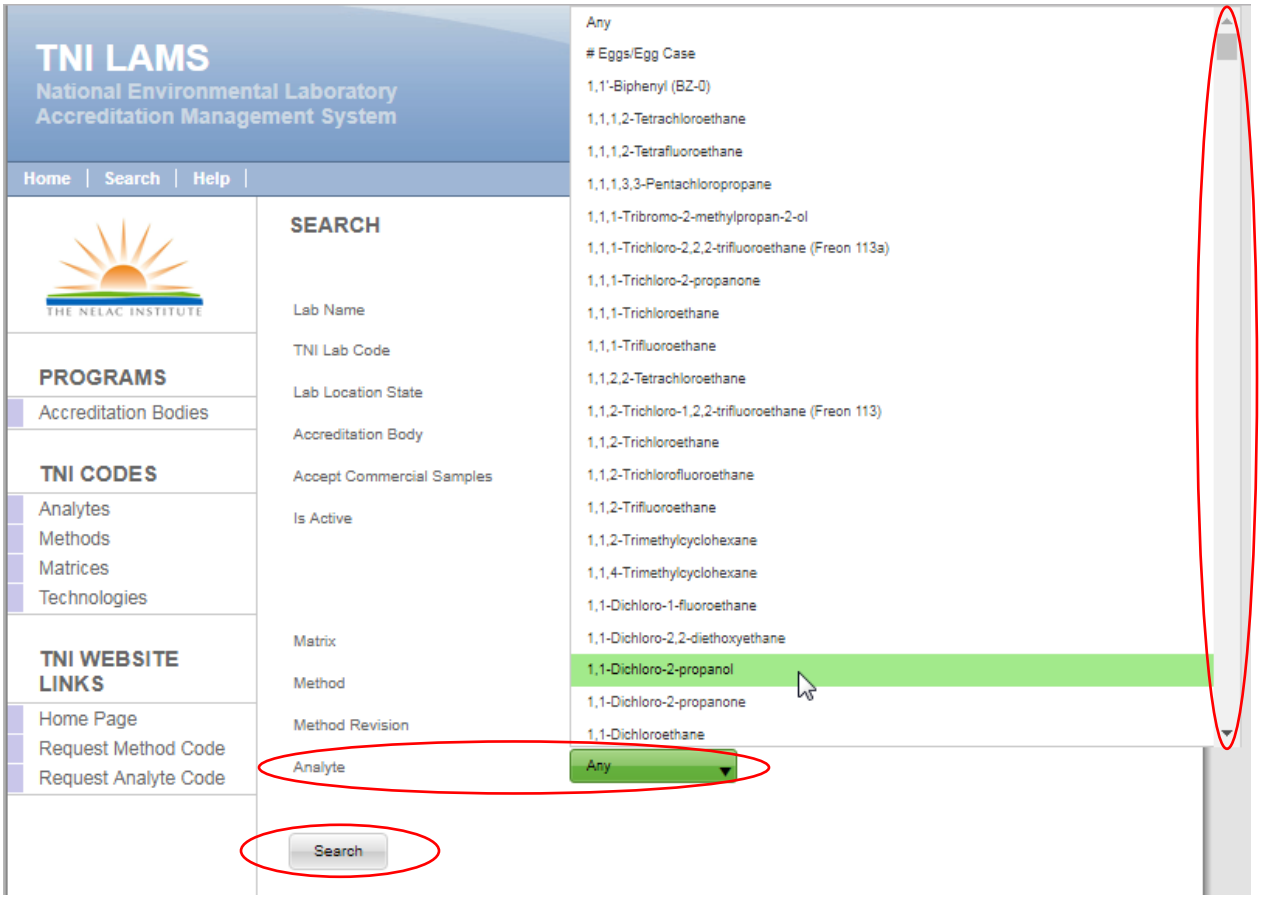


You can further limit your list by choosing a matrix (i.e. drinking water, non-potable water or solid and hazardous waste) from the drop-down box and select one of the options.
Please note that Tissue and Air are options in LAMS, but KDHE does not have a certification program for these matrices.

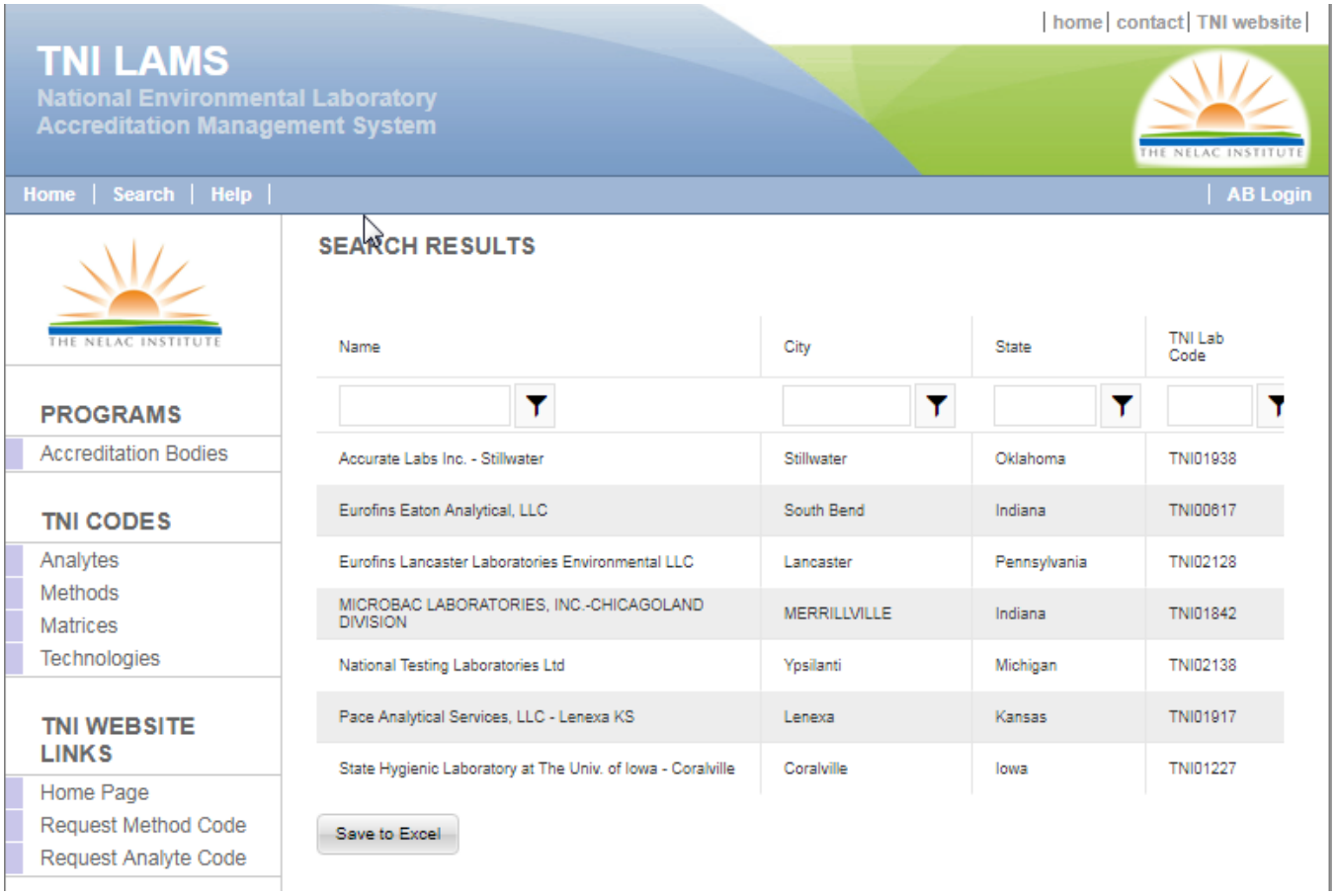


To search for a laboratory certified to test for a particular analyte (e.g. chemical, bacteria, or compound), then click on the "Analyte" drop down box. A list of every analyte in the LAMS database will be displayed. You can use the scroll bar on the right or the scroll bar on your mouse to search through the analyte list. You can also jump to sections in the list by typing the first letter of the analyte you are trying to find. For example, if you are looking for Mercury, then you can press the "m" button on your keyboard and it will take you to the first analyte in the list that starts with an m: m+p-xylene. From here you can scroll down the list of analytes that start with the letter m.

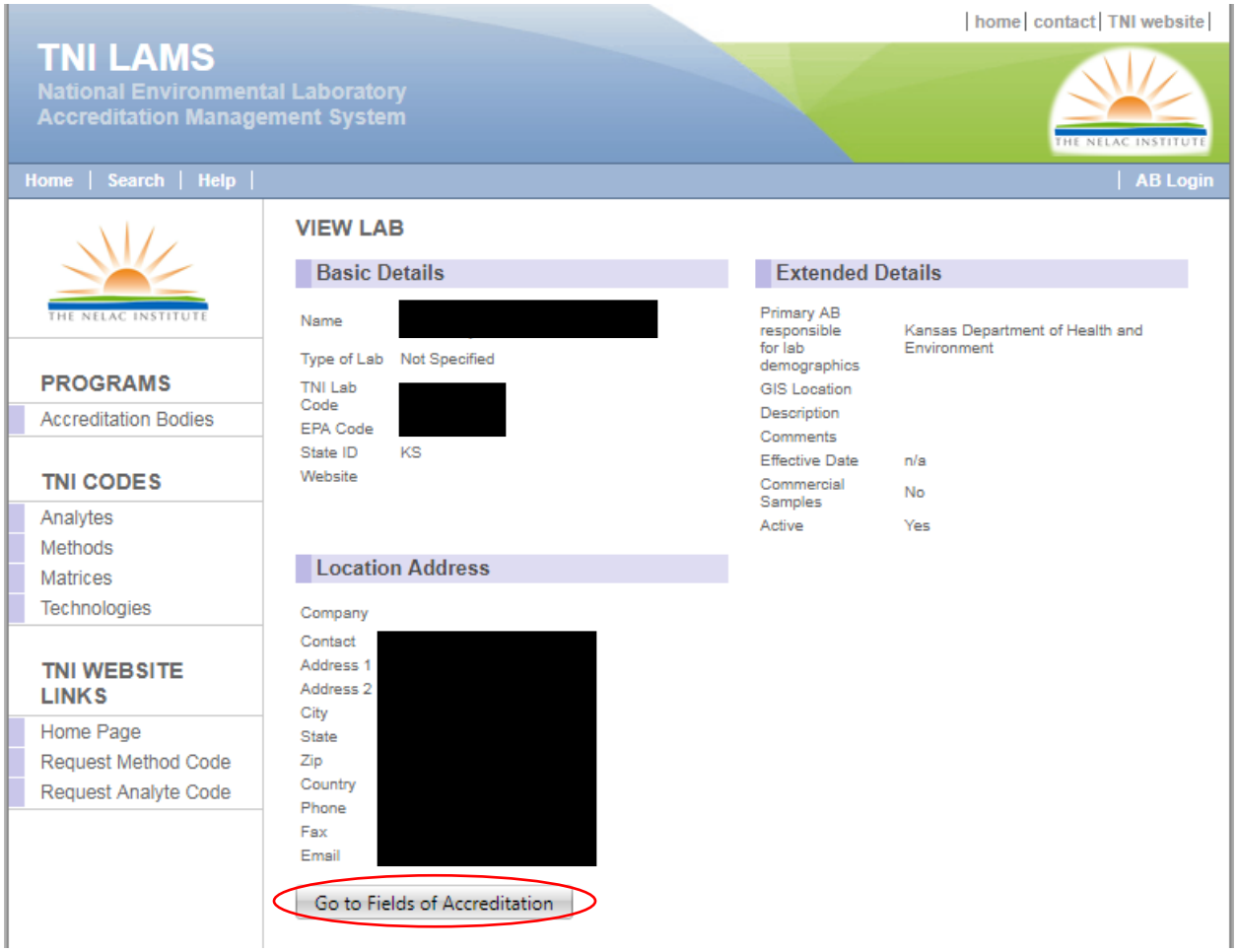
Once you have completed all selected search criteria press the Search button at the bottom of the page to proceed.



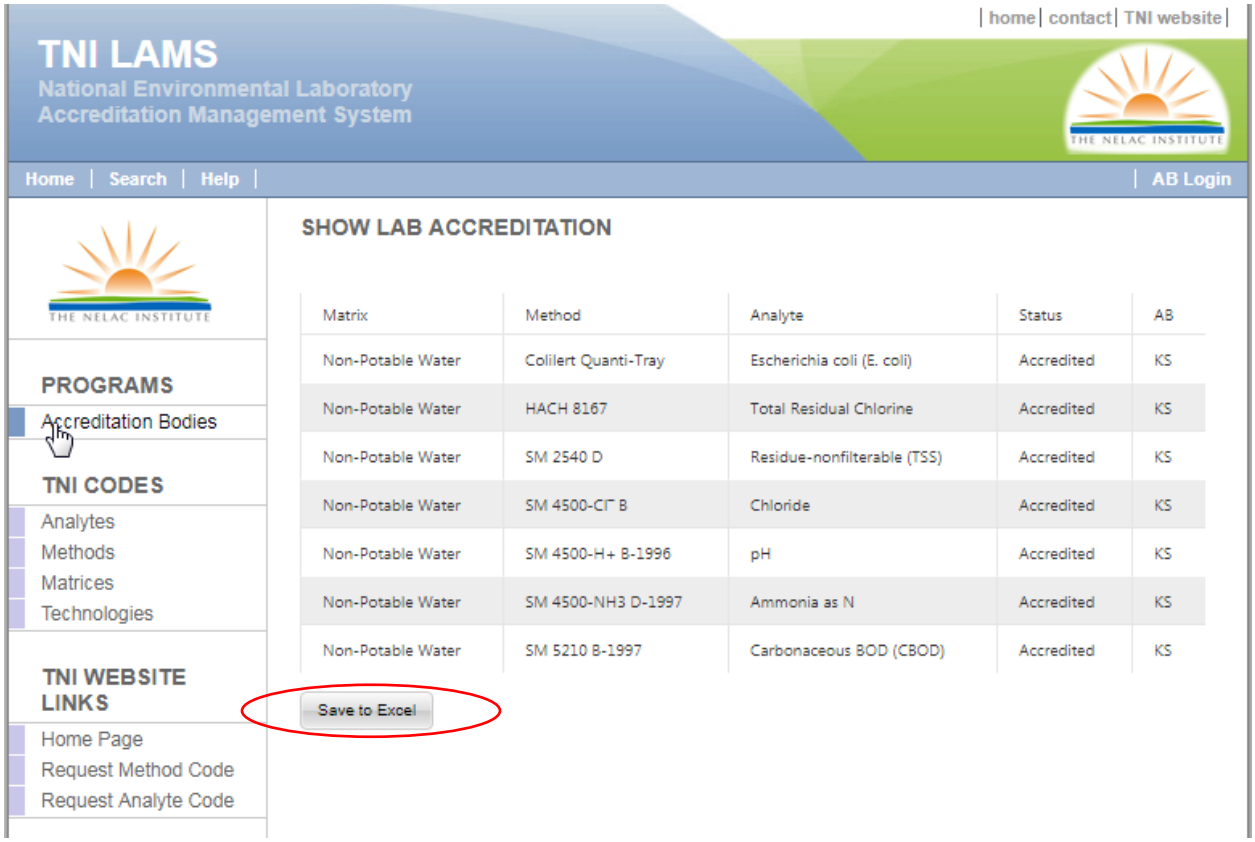
A list of laboratories that meet your search criteria will be displayed. Below is an example screen shot of the page. Click on any laboratory name to display their information. You can also save this entire list to an Excel file for later viewing by pressing the "Save to Excel" button at the bottom of the page. NOTE: The status of a laboratory can change periodically, so it is best to perform a fresh search each time information is needed to confirm the laboratory certification for the particular analyte, method and matrix you require.

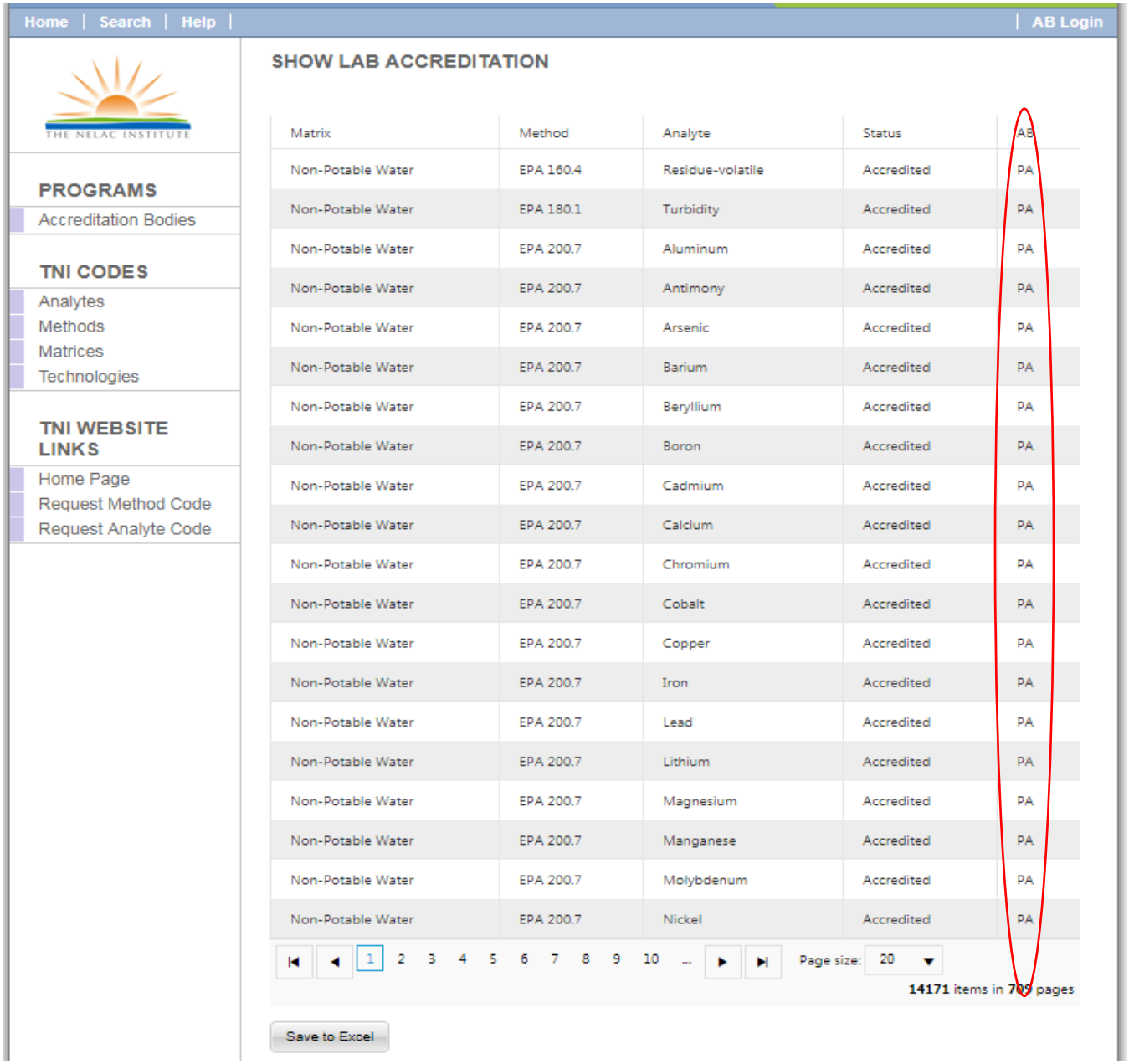


Once a laboratory has been selected the laboratory's demographic data will be displayed. This includes the name, address, email, and phone number for the laboratory as well as the name of the main contact for the laboratory. In the below example, the laboratory's information has been redacted. To see a list of everything the laboratory is certified to test with the State of Kansas click on the "Go to Fields of Accreditation" button at the bottom of the page.



A list will then be displayed that shows every parameter the laboratory is certified to test with the State. Note that if a laboratory is certified to test a given parameter in non-potable water, this does not mean that they are certified to test for this analyte in potable water (i.e. drinking water). The matrix that the laboratory has been approved to test the analyte in is shown in the first column of the list. This list is not searchable by the fields at the top of the page. However, you can create an Excel file that you can search through by clicking the "Save to Excel" button at the bottom of the page.



If a laboratory is certified in other states in addition to Kansas, then each state they are certified in will be listed in LAMS, with their primary Accrediting Body (AB)/State displaying first.

The ~~far right~~far-right hand column of the parameter list is the AB column, or State column. In the below example, Pennsylvania (PA) is the Primary AB for this lab. If you click on the "AB" at the top of the column you can sort the list alphabetically by AB. If Kansas is the primary AB or if it is alphabetically before the other States in the list, then this is an easy way to see the parameters certified for the laboratory by the State of Kansas. However, if Kansas is not the first State alphabetically, then clicking the "Save to Excel" button at the bottom of the page and using a program like Excel to filter out the other States is the easiest option.